

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

May 25, 2016

Robert P. Young, Jr.,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2014-10

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Amendment of Administrative Order No. 2015-4

Continues Authorization to Use the GarnIT
System in the 36th, 46th, and 47th District Courts

**Authorization for Use of GarnIT of ~~Pilot Program to be Implemented~~ in the 36th,
46th, and 47th District Courts**

**~~Automated State Income Tax Garnishment Pilot Project in 36th District Court, 46th
District Court, and 47th District Court~~**

~~On~~Until further order of the Court, effective immediately, the 36th, 46th, and 47th District Courts are each authorized to operate ~~a pilot program~~the GarnIT system for processing requests for writs of state income tax garnishment ~~through the enhanced GarnIT system~~. Participation by plaintiffs in this ~~pilot program~~ is voluntary ~~for 2015~~.

~~The courts and the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) will track the effectiveness of the pilot programs and report the results to the Supreme Court after January 1, 2016.~~

1. Purpose and Construction.

The purpose of this ~~second pilot project~~ is to expand the use of GarnIT to multiple courts, develop a standard procedure for adding future courts, and enhance some of the features piloted in 2014. order is to authorize continued use of GarnIT in the courts that piloted the system in 2015. The 2015 pilot was successful and it is beneficial to these three courts and the users to continue the GarnIT system while the Michigan Supreme Court determines its long-term strategy for e-filing and its plans for incorporating GarnIT into that strategy. Except for matters related to the transmission of requests and writs for state income tax garnishments through GarnIT ~~during the pilot~~, the Michigan Court Rules

govern all other postjudgment proceedings concerning the cases involved in the pilot GarnIT program.

2. Definitions.

(a)-(j) [Unchanged.]

~~(k) “Pilot” means the court innovation initiative tested in the 36th, 46th, and 47th District Courts and the Michigan Department of Treasury in conjunction with IBM and under the supervision of SCAO. This web-based application facilitates the electronic processing of income tax garnishments in the 36th, 46th, and 47th District Courts. The pilot program is expected to launch August 20, 2015, and will continue until December 31, 2015. If it is successful, the program will be evaluated for statewide use.~~

~~(k)(4) “Transaction” means the request and writ for income tax garnishment electronically processed pursuant to the pilot.~~

3. Participation in GarnIT

Use of GarnIT for submitting requests for income tax garnishments in the 36th, 46th, and 47th District Courts ~~to the courts begins on August 20, 2015, and shall be voluntary during the pilot.~~

4.-10. [Unchanged.]

11. Official Court Record; Record Retention

(a) ~~For purposes of this pilot program, t~~The electronic data and the electronic equivalent of SCAO-approved form MC 52, Request and Writ for Garnishment (Income Tax Refund/Credit), produced by and through the GarnIT transaction and subsequently maintained in the case management system constitutes the official court record and meets the record retention and public access requirements of the court rules and General Records Retention and Disposal Schedule #16 – Michigan Trial Courts.

- (b) A request and writ processed by GarnIT can be generated or printed on demand by the clerk. The request and writ maintained by the court will not contain the social security numbers or federal identification numbers of the parties.
- (c) If a request is made for a certified copy of a request and writ processed by GarnIT, the clerk shall print the document and certify it in compliance with the Michigan Trial Court Case File Management Standards.

12. [Unchanged.]

13. Expiration

~~Unless otherwise directed by the Michigan Supreme Court, this pilot~~ This project will continue until further order of the Court ~~December 31, 2015~~.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

May 25, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk